GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN NEGLIGENCE OF DUTIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the responsibility is fixed on the I.F.S. officers to check illegal felling of trees and encroachment on forest land;

(b) if so, the number of Divisional Forest Officers and Forest Conservators against who charges have been framed for negligence of duty, State-wise;

(c) the details of action taken those who were found guilty during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) All the officials working in the Forest Department including the Indian Forest Service Officers (IFS) are responsible for taking appropriate action to implement the provisions of Indian Forest Act which interalia includes provisions to take steps to prevent and control felling of trees and encroachment on forest land.

(b),(c)&(d): The information is being collected from the State Governments.